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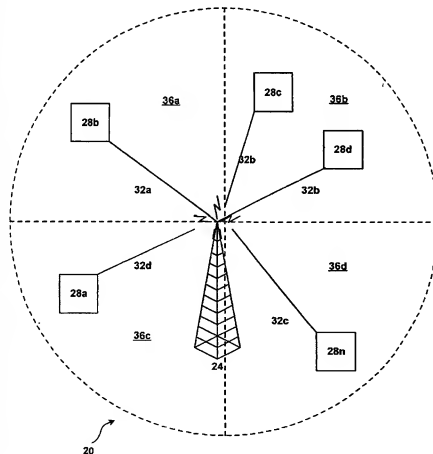
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(57) Abstract: A system, method and apparatus for managing uplink radio resources. The RRAM employs selective rate reduction to ensure resources for subscriber stations depending on individual QoS requirements. In response to a request for a new DDCH, the RRAM can drop a subscriber station at a low data rate and no media reservations. In response to traffic measurement reports from the subscriber stations, the RRAM attempts to increase or decrease the data rate of a subscriber station. When there are insufficient uplink resources, RRAM tries to lower the rate of a higher rate subscriber station. Searching for subscriber stations to lower, RRAM starts at the highest rate and continues to search lower data rates until a suitable candidate is found. RRAM also reserves resources for subscriber stations that will not be reallocated to other subscriber stations.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-5,19,28,32-36,38,39

Managing uplink resources. Uplink channel and required data rate are allocated to a new subscriber. If there is not enough resources to provide the required data rate, the data rate used by another subscriber is reduced if it's possible. If there is not available channel to be assigned to the new requesting subscriber, the channel used by another subscriber is released.

2. claims: 6-13,20-27,29-31,37

Providing new requested data rate to subscribers which are already using a current data rate. If there is not enough resources to provide the new requested data rate, the data rate used by another subscriber is reduced.

3. claims: 14-18,40

Managing the uplink load in a network. If the uplink load is above a certain threshold, the data rate used by a certain subscriber is reduced to a minimum data rate. If there is no subscriber whose data rate is above a minimum data rate, a subscriber is selected and its data rate is reduced to 0.

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